

September 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on September 27, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Council Member Mark Stroud was absent. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order. Following the invocation by Council Member Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting – Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Bowles with a 4-0 Council vote in favor.

Secretary of Commerce Todd Haymore – Mayor Turner welcomed Secretary Haymore. Haymore said his focus is on economic development to create more jobs and opportunities. He plans to focus heavily on rural Virginia and he looks forward to working with Council Members.

Hear an update from Senator Bill Stanley regarding I-73 – Senator Stanley thanked Council Members for inviting him and provided history on the purpose behind the planning of I-73. I-73 would bring jobs and revenue to the area and the highway would pay for itself within ten years. He said that because of changes, he does not feel that I-73 will be expanded into the Henry County-Martinsville area unless the region takes action through the establishment of a regional transportation authority capable of generating funding through a sales tax add-on. There will need to be a decision made how to repurpose the money originally set for I-73. Hodge asked what the timeframe for construction would be if the tax was levied. Stanley said he believed it could take twenty years or less to complete. Teague confirmed that the eastern Henry County route is the one that has been altered. Stanley's recommendation is to go back to the original plan following the bypass and feels that the road will not be built with the new route. Teague asked about the elimination of the B-POL. Stanley said he does not foresee the B-POL going away. Teague asked if a regional authority agreement would need to be approved before the City could charge an additional tax to cover the cost of construction. Teague says the road needs to be built and he fully supports the original route if that is what is needed to make the construction happen. Once the draft proposal is complete, Stanley would send a copy to Council by early 2017. Teague asked if Roanoke had approved the draft. Towarnicki said the draft would go to Roanoke Council early October for consideration. Stanley stated that I-73 is alive and well regardless of previous reports that the project was dead.

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.  
Secretary of Transportation

September 9, 2016

The Honorable William H. Fralin  
Member, Salem District  
Commonwealth Transportation Board  
P. O. Box 29600  
Roanoke, Virginia 24018

Dear Mr. Fralin:

This letter is a follow up to recent discussions you have had with my office regarding the use of I-73 earmarks.

As you know, recent Congressional action has provided new discretion to states regarding the use of certain earmarks. A state may now 're-purpose' un-used earmark funds for other federally-eligible projects within 50 miles of the original earmark. The funds are not required to be used on the same facility or purpose as the original earmark. To re-purpose an old, un-used earmark, the Commonwealth must notify the Federal Highway Administration by September 12, 2016.

At this time, it is my belief that any additional funding made available for use by the Commonwealth Transportation Board should be allocated through either SmartScale, the Board's State of Good Repair policy, or both. As such, my intent for the earmarks that can be re-purposed is to apply those funds to on-going projects within the same construction district to 'free up' funds for that district's District Grant Program funding in the second round of SmartScale.

Due to the significant engagement by elected officials, CTB members, and the public, I am recommending an exception to the general practice for the I-73 earmarks. These funds will be re-purposed along the Route 220 corridor to make improvements along this Corridor of Statewide Significance for the following purposes:

- Improve access management along Route 220 north of the 220 by-pass;
- Corridor study to analyze potential short-term improvements that can be made to the Route 220 corridor between I-581 and Route 220 by-pass; and

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- Analysis of options to develop a limited-access facility between the Route 58/220 by-pass and the North Carolina state line.

I am aware that there is discussion in the Martinsville region about using these funds to advance preliminary engineering and right-of-way for a Connector Road from the Patriot Centre to the Route 58 by-pass. In my role as Chairman of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, I cannot support such a request as it would encumber future Boards by requiring that they either commit to funding the remaining costs of such a road, without regard to the SmartScale process and other competing priorities, or that we repay the federal government for the funds expended on such efforts.

Thank you for your service on the Commonwealth Transportation Board and efforts to improve transportation in Virginia.

Sincerely,

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.

Copy:  
Court Rosen, CTB Member  
Charlie Kilpatrick, VDOT Commissioner

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to establish a regional transportation district for the New River-Roanoke-Southside region.

WHEREAS, the development of transportation infrastructure is a critical component in economic development throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the economies of Southside Virginia and Southwestern Virginia lag the economies of Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, in part due to the significant differences in the amount of spending for transportation infrastructure between Northern Virginia and Southside Virginia and Southwestern Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) defined High Priority Corridor 5, as the "I-73/74 North-South Corridor" from Charleston, South Carolina, to Detroit, Michigan, and in Virginia this route would run from Henry County to Roanoke County to Giles County;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has studied a route for Interstate 73 and has begun to develop an Environmental Impact statement, required under the National Environmental Policy Act, for permitting processes required by the US Army Corps of Engineers;

WHEREAS, a report by Chmura Economic and Analytics states that in Virginia, 5,303 worker employed each year during 9 year construction phase;

WHEREAS, in Virginia, annual travel efficiency and cost savings is estimated to be 141.2 million in 2020, and \$161 million in 2025;

WHEREAS, development of Interstate 73 is estimated to generate an additional \$13.8 million in state taxes in Virginia and an additional \$9.2 million in local taxes per year upon completion, and an \$17.1 million state tax and \$10.9 million local tax per year five year after completion;

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 permanent jobs are projected to be created in the Interstate 73 region upon completion;

WHEREAS, additional highway funding is critical and essential in order to commence the process of construction of Interstate 73;

WHEREAS, the region that will be most positively impacted and benefited by the development and construction of Interstate 73 must provide some of this funding in order for the Commonwealth Transportation Board to approve the construction of Interstate 73;

WHEREAS, the funding mechanisms created for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission provide effective models for highway funding and regional transportation management cooperation;

WHEREAS, the lack of such a regional transportation funding management organization within Southwestern Virginia is detrimental to the further economic development of the Roanoke Valley, the New River Valley and Southside Virginia;

WHEREAS, the creation of a New River-Roanoke-Southside transportation funding and management organization would significantly benefit this region of the Commonwealth and expand the economic and cultural development of this region of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, only the Virginia General Assembly can establish such an organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

Department of Taxation, FY 2015  
Local Sales Tax Distribution, Table 4.3

1. City Council hereby urges the Virginia General Assembly to create a regional transportation authority similar to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority or the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission for our region of the Commonwealth with the stated purpose of improving our region's transportation network, including but not limited to the construction of Interstate 73.

2. City Council requests that our delegation to the Virginia General Assembly to support this effort and to persuade their colleagues throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide our region with this authority to improve our transportation system to benefit our region of the Commonwealth.

3. The City Clerk is directed to deliver copies of this Resolution to the Honorable John Edwards, the Honorable David Suetterlein, the Honorable Christopher Head, the Honorable Terry Austin, the Honorable Sam Rasoul, and the Honorable Greg Habib.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Locality	FY 2015 Local Option	x .7=
Planning District 4		
Floyd County	824,397	577,078
Giles County	1,834,450	1,284,115
Montgomery County	11,574,926	8,102,448
Pulaski County	3,934,248	2,753,973
Radford City	839,334	587,533
	19,007,355	13,305,147
Planning District 5		
Alleghany County	934,857	654,400
Botetourt County	2,698,446	1,888,912
Covington City	1,236,465	865,525
Craig County	173,419	121,393
Franklin County	4,373,782	3,061,647
Roanoke City	20,293,415	14,205,390
Roanoke County	11,097,856	7,768,500
Salem City	6,558,394	4,590,876
	47,366,634	33,156,643
Planning District 12		
Danville City	8,397,280	5,878,096
Henry County	4,005,681	2,803,977
Martinsville City	1,974,971	1,382,480
Patrick County	1,143,640	800,548
Pittsylvania County	2,144,695	1,501,286
	17,666,267	12,366,387
GRAND TOTAL	84,040,256	58,828,177

"Local Option" equals the 1 cent sales tax collected by each Virginia locality

"x .7=" represents 7/10s of a penny

Added to current statewide sales tax of 5.3%, this additional sales tax would bring the sales tax in these localities to 6% (same as NOVA and HR)

Source: Virginia Department of Taxation, Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2015

[http://www.tax.virginia.gov/sites/tax.virginia.gov/files/Annual\\_Report\\_FY\\_2015.pdf](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/sites/tax.virginia.gov/files/Annual_Report_FY_2015.pdf)

Hear an overview of the September 26, 2016 Druid Hills/Uptown area Neighborhood Tour and Meeting – City Manager Towarnicki summarized the neighborhood tour and neighborhood meeting at Patrick Henry Elementary School of the Druid Hills and Uptown area. Two citizens expressed concern about barking dogs. City Attorney Monday said if a dog outdoors barks for 15 minutes or longer then that is a violation of the noise ordinance.

Presentation of proclamation recognizing October, 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Council Member Hodge read the proclamation and Mayor Turner presented the proclamation to Warren Rogers, CAFV Director. Rogers thanked Council for the recognition and said he wished the organization did not need to exist however, 117 adults and 41 children have been served since January 1, 2016. The organization's name has been changed to Southside Survivor Response Center.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a critical issue that is distressing the citizens of Martinsville on a daily basis. Domestic violence is not confined to any group of people but occurs across all socioeconomic and racial boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, psychological, and economic abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, one out of three American women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life, and

**WHEREAS**, children from violent homes are more likely to be involved in violent criminal activity in the future than their non-abused peers; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of October as domestic violence awareness month, enables survivors to share their stories of triumph over adversity. Southside Survivor Response Center will provide presentations, awareness activities and trainings in the community throughout the month of October. On October 15th, Southside Survivor Response Center will host the 3rd Annual Teaming Up Against Domestic Violence community basketball game. On October 27th, SSRC will host a panel discussion called Survivors' Voices. The panel will comprise of local domestic violence survivors, sharing their stories of survival and triumph.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in recognition of the important work done by Citizens Against Family Violence, Inc. and for the empowerment of domestic violence survivors everywhere, I, Danny Turner, Mayor, designate the month of **October 2016** as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Martinsville.

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Danny Turner  
Mayor

Hear comments and a presentation from Phil Hysell of National Weather Service in Blacksburg, VA on Martinsville being recognized as a National Weather Service StormReady Community – Robert Scott, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City. He said Bob Phillips begun the application process along with J.R. Powell and T.J. Slaughter. Scott said it was Phillips dedication to the City that allowed the City to qualify as a StormReady City. Phil Hysell recognized those who helped make Martinsville StormReady and detailed what was involved in becoming qualified. StormReady was started in 1999. Martinsville met and exceeded the requirements needed to certify. Hysell said it was a privilege to work with both Scott and Phillips and said only 1/3 of the counties in the state have this recognition. Hysell also presented the city with a StormReady sign.

Hear an update from Amanda Witt of the M-HC Chamber of Commerce regarding activities related to the City/C-PEG Small Business Development contract and the Community Business Launch project – Witt updated Council on the community business launch project StartUp Martinsville and said the last of those businesses will hold their grand opening on Friday. All businesses have done well since their opening and she thanked Council members for attending those openings and visiting the businesses after opening. She said funding has been secured on the second year of the program. TGIF season was successful. The Farmers Market did well. OctoberFest is Saturday October 1 from 11:00-4:00. Uptown Trick-or-Treating will be held on October 31. The George W. Lester fund was awarded to two City

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businesses. Hodge asked Witt to clarify the purpose of the planning grant and encouraged Witt to reach out to the CDC who is revitalizing property on the West End.

Hear an update from David Hoback, Executive Director of West Piedmont Planning District Commission on the PDC's regional strategic planning effort – Hoback provided historical background on the strategic planning efforts. West Piedmont Regional Summit will be Wednesday Oct 19, 2016 11:00-4:30pm at New College and will include a professional meeting facilitator. Hoback said the summit would only be as good as the people who participate. He will provide the City Manager with a list of people being invited and asked Council to advocate and encourage them to attend and would like Council to suggest others who would be beneficial but may have been left out.

Consider comments developed by staff for submission to the Commission on Local Government related to the current annexation study – City Manager Towarnicki provided background on House Bill 945 and Senate Bill 309 approved during the 2016 General Assembly. He referred Council to documents that were added to the DropBox for their information. He read the comments that he and the City Attorney drafted and invited changes and suggestions from Council. Hodge suggested wording to include timing or sense of urgency to encourage results. Teague suggested the draft offer specific solutions to problems including the state providing more public safety funding and include language related to the creation of a dependent City. Hodge stated that she was more in favor of lifting the moratorium. Turner suggested that an independent City give up the right to annex and in return give up the BPOL tax. Teague disagreed with Turner's reasoning. Bowles says she is in favor of Martinsville being able to annex. Hodge said she would rather fight for annexation rather than reversion. Towarnicki read a recap of the Commission on Local Government Annexation Study report. Towarnicki said he would draft those changes and send to them later this week.

Consider approval of consent agenda – Towarnicki requested that both items be voted on separately. Teague made a motion to approve Item 1 of the consent agenda; Hodge seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Teague made a motion to approve Item 2 of the consent agenda as presented; Hodge seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 09/27/2016				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>FY17</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		775
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	570	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	35	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	8	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	114	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	48	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup - August		
01100905	450209	Sale of Salvage/Surplus		8,435
01217078	506138	Sheriff/Courts - Motorcycle Equipment/Maintenance	8,435	
		Proceeds from sale of two used motorcycles		
01102926	436429	Categorical Federal - Federal Asset Forf - Sheriff		3,400
01217078	506138	Sheriff/Courts - Motorcycle Equipment/Maintenance	3,400	
		Portion of OAG Fed Asset Forfeiture funds		
<b>Total General Fund:</b>			<b>12,610</b>	<b>12,610</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund:</b>				
16102926	436429	Categorical Federal - Federal Asset Forf - Sheriff		104,149
16577367	508085	Physical Plant Expansion - Sheriff/Jail	104,149	
		Portion of OAG Fed Asset Forfeiture funds - Security/Communication Upgrade		
16102926	436401	Categorical Federal - Federal Asset Forf - Police		155,421
16575365	508075	Vehicles - Police Dept	155,421	
		OAG Fed Asset Forfeiture Funds		
<b>Total Capital Reserve Fund:</b>			<b>259,570</b>	<b>259,570</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>				
12103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		130,425
12543313	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	130,425	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #5		
<b>Total Water Fund:</b>			<b>130,425</b>	<b>130,425</b>
<b>Electric Fund:</b>				
14103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		1,287,900
14563338	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	1,287,900	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #5		
<b>Total Electric Fund:</b>			<b>1,287,900</b>	<b>1,287,900</b>

Comments by members of City Council – Hodge said she traveled to Roanoke with Chief Dunn and Sheriff Draper to attend a Town Hall meeting to hear comments from people in South West Virginia and discuss grants available for community policing. She enjoyed the time to spend with the law enforcement officials and was able to discuss those proposals. Turner said the Police Department was commended at the neighborhood meeting on Monday.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki shared that there is a large fishing tournament being held at Philpott Lake. They have asked that the Mayor and Vice Mayor attend and be recognized. The last community business launch grand opening for Southern Nosh will be Thursday September 29 at 4:30pm. Outstanding Military Veteran of the Year applications are available on the City website and due October 14, 2016. Once the nominations are submitted, a panel will choose a recipient who will be recognized. Martinsville Area Community Foundation's annual community reception will be held October 6 at 6:30 so he needs to know which Council Members plan to attend.

Business from the Floor (not televised) – Sophia Esdaile asked how the City Council members communicate with their constituents. Turner said by phone, email and says he personally visits uptown and attending events. Hodges says some citizens will also stop by their home and Bowles mentioned social media. Teague mentioned restaurants and grocery stores were also good places to communicate with people and said they will recognize Council Members and express concern. She serves on the Harvest Foundation Youth board and welcomes any suggestions Council could offer. Hodges said she would prefer to do that

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individually instead of publicly. Teague suggested those organizations that could serve more need. Turner says there is a need to be more proactive in our community.

A representative from the college said she has students in attendance and she hopes they have benefited from the meeting. Melvin Johnson who is taking part of social work program through NCI said he found it interesting that Senator Stanley attended and to see the work Stanley is doing. He was impressed how Council responded to Stanley with questions. He thinks Council does a fine job and he is considering running for Council in the future.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

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Karen Roberts  
Clerk of Council

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Danny Turner  
Mayor